

If Sinclair wants to shine a light on the activities of presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry, 30 years ago, it's only fair that in the same time frame, they show what President Bush was doing at the same age. Are they willing to do that? For six years, the media has allowed Bush to get away with "Weeeelll, I made a few mistakes in my youth (chuckle, chuckle).

Where can Americans get balanced news these days?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.